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: Chief, EE

: Chief of Base, Berlin

INFO: COS, MOB

- CART, []

- Report of Contacts with Identities 2, 3, and 4:

REFERENCE

: BELH 0736

SYNOPSIS: The following is an account of the operational activity undertaken in this case. The original purpose of this operation was aimed at the contacting, assessment, and possible recruitment of Identity 2. As is often the case, upon going deeper into this operation we discovered other possible operational leads including Identity 3 and Identity 4. Paragraph 5 of this report requests traces on all persons mentioned.

1. Background:

a. On 3 April 1957, [] a BOB agent, reported that he had met with a friend of his, Identity 1, who related the story of what happened to him on a recent trip to Munich. He reported as follows:

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Enclosure:

Identity List (U/S/C)

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1. Identity 1 visited Munich 26 March 1957 and while there spent some time at the Greta Bar, a bar located in a cellar. He was the only person there and soon found himself engaged in conversation with the bar-frau. She introduced herself as Identity 2 and they became rather friendly. Identity 1 described her as about 30 to 35 years of age and blonde.

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2. Identity 1 mentioned that he formerly lived in East Germany and at this point Identity 2 mentioned that she had been recently in East Berlin and had had a strange experience. Without being pressed, she related the following tale:

Identity 2 was employed for a long time as a bar-frau in the Fernandel Bar in Munich. This bar was a hangout for employees of Identity 5. Among the numerous steady customers was also a young man named Rudy who was not, however, employed by Identity 5. Identity 2 admitted to Identity 1 that she had been intimate with Rudy, but regarded him as an idiot even though he had considerable money.

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After not seeing Rudy for quite some time, she received a telephone call from him at the Fernandel Bar and he stated that he had heard that she was interested in securing a new position and that perhaps he could help her. He related that his father was the manager of numerous bars and cafes in Berlin and was interested in starting a new bar in Munich. Rudy said if she was interested, he would talk to his father. Identity 2 stated that she would be interested and Rudy promised to call her back.

Several weeks went by without a word from Rudy, and then around the middle of March 1957 he called and asked her to meet with him. They met and Rudy stated that his father was now in Berlin, and due to the pressure of business, would be unable to leave there for some time. Rudy stated that his father wanted to talk to Identity 2 and had agreed to pay her air fare to Berlin. Identity 2 agreed, and Rudy purchased the tickets. Rudy instructed her to go to West Berlin and register at the Hotel Stuttgarterhof where his father would visit her. He promised to inform his father of her arrival time.

After arriving in Berlin around the 15th or 16th of March, Identity 2 registered as instructed at the Hotel Stuttgarterhof. The same evening a man came and visited Identity 2 and identified himself as a representative of Rudy's father and stated that he had been sent to pick her up. She entered his car and after a long drive stopped before a rather dismal-looking bar. Identity 2 had no idea where she was, but was surprised by the obvious low quality of the bar and the poorly dressed type of customers who were present.

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The person who had picked up Identity 2 introduced her in turn to a fat, elderly man who introduced himself as Rudy's father. He mentioned that he was interested in opening a bar in Munich and hoped to have a place for Identity 2. He then proceeded to ask her a series of puzzling questions: if she was a member of the Communist party or similar organization and what she thought of the Oder-Neisse line (Identity 2 asked him what that was) and similar questions of a political nature.

At this point, Identity 2 had to excuse herself to visit the ladies' room. When she gave the woman in charge of the ladies' room a tip, she received her change in East money. Identity 2 stated that it was at this point that she realized she was in East Berlin and that she probably was talking to persons involved in intelligence activity. When she returned, "Rudy's father" came to the point and said that he was not Rudy's father, but actually a leading functionary of the "Ministerium fuer Ausserhandel." He stated that he had told her the truth concerning his decision to open a bar in Munich and that he wanted a bar where his friends could meet without being disturbed and that he hoped to place Identity 2 in charge.

Identity 2 suggested that perhaps she was not the right person for this type of job and said that she had a friend who she believed was a member of the Communist party who could perhaps do this job. The man declined this, stating that these people were already well-known to the West, and that he needed persons with a politically clean record. He offered money to Identity 2, but she refused, not wanting to be obligated at this point. She was also requested to sign a statement, but she refused this.

The man was rather disturbed over her actions, but after she promised to contact him again in 14 days, he drove her in a car to the border crossing point and after he exchanged a few words with the East German border police, she was allowed to return.

Immediately upon returning to Munich, Identity 2 changed her place of employment to the Greta Bar and has not heard from Rudy since.

2. On the basis of the above information it was decided that undersigned would go to Munich and visit the Greta Bar in an effort to assess, and possibly recruit Identity 2. Although it was expected that Identity 2 had told her story to numerous other persons, it was thought worthwhile to at least make an attempt, since if she could be played back we would have an interesting case.

a. Undersigned went to Munich on 14 April 1957, where together with [] we located the Greta Bar after some difficulty, it being new and little known, and proceeded there late that evening. It is a

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small, intimate, and ornately-furnished bar located in the cellar of the Pension Odeon at Birkenstrasse 19. The bar is rather small and has only six stools. With the exception of an elderly man sitting at the other end of the bar, and who was devoting a great deal of attention to the bar-frau, we were the only two customers present. We ordered a drink and the bar frau complimented us on our German, asking us at the same time if we were American or English. We stated we were Americans, thanked her for the compliment, and asked her if she would like a drink. We purchased a cognac for her, which she drank in one gulp, thanked us, and went back to resume her conversation with the gentleman at the end of the bar. As we sat there and listened to their conversation, it became quite evident that she was relating her adventures, or part of them, in East Berlin, the same story as had been told to Identity 1. It was quite obvious that we had located Identity 2 and that she had been telling her story to any and all who would listen. This precluded any further action designed to recruit her, but we did feel we should remain to see what happened.

b. [] informed Identity 2 that undersigned was celebrating his birthday, and this, of course, called for several more rounds of drinks. Identity 2 then suggested we should drink "Bruderschaft," which we did, and introduced herself as Identity 2. Identity 2 then introduced Identity 4 to us by first name only. She then excused herself and went to the ladies' room. When we were alone, Identity 4 leaned over and whispered to undersigned, "You had better get out of this place, as it's a meeting spot for Eastern agents. Identity 2 is all right and works for me, but the others bear watching." Identity 4 stated that he liked Americans but found them all naive, and said that he thought he should warn us. Undersigned asked Identity 4 how he knew this and Identity 4 stated that he was a member of the German Intelligence Service and that Identity 2 was an agent of his, whom he paid for information. He went on to state that the owner of the bar, Identity 3, was a former Gestapo officer who was captured by the Russians, turned, and now works for them. I thanked Identity 4 for the warning and said we would watch our step.

c. Identity 2 returned, and after telling several jokes, asked what undersigned did for a living. Undersigned stated that he was employed as a representative of a large American insurance company in Frankfurt which specialized in selling automobile insurance to American servicemen. Identity 3 meanwhile had joined the group and after buying a round of drinks, joined in the conversation.

d. A customer came in at this point and Identity 3 excused himself and joined the customer. Identity 2 once again went to the ladies' room, leaving undersigned, [] and Identity 4 together. Identity 4 stated that he had enjoyed our company and would like to see us again on our

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next visit to Munich. We assured him we would be delighted and he gave undersigned his card with his name, address, and telephone number.

e. Identity 2 meanwhile had rejoined us and sat at the bar with us, leaving Identity 3 to mix the drinks. Identity 3 was talking quite freely at this point and stated that he had been a Nazi and, for that matter, was still a Nazi. He stated that Nazi-ism in itself had not been bad, but rather the manner in which it had been implemented. He stated that he had been a Gestapo officer during the war and had been in Paris. He then related several humorous experiences which had occurred to him in Paris.

f. Undersigned then informed Identity 3 that he had recently read a book written by Sergeant Hugo BLECHER, who had also been with the German intelligence in Paris, and who had captured Odette and Peter CHUMONILL. The mention of BLECHER seemed to infuriate Identity 3, who stated that he had known BLECHER personally, and BLECHER was no good and a braggart. He stated that the Abwehr to which BLECHER had belonged was poor and had seen little success. Identity 3 stated that neither BLECHER nor any other intelligence officer had the right to publish their memoirs and thus reveal intelligence modus operandi.

g. Wishing to avoid both the subject of Nazi-ism and intelligence, and undersigned were able to switch the subject back to a more humorous vein which we maintained until our departure.

h. When we left, Identities 2, 3, and 4 all insisted that we must get together again and have another such evening. Undersigned stated that the next time he was in Munich he would certainly return to the Greta Bar, as it was an enjoyable experience.

3. Case Officer Comments:

a. Identity 2: Although in all probability Identity 2 went to East Berlin and received recruitment pitch, there is no doubt that she has told her story on numerous occasions to any person in the bar who would listen. She has also no doubt embellished it to make it more interesting. Identity 3 also is aware of the story and, during the conversation, made reference to Identity 2's trip to Berlin to visit her "aunt" on several occasions. While the possibility also exists that Identity 2 is employing the "partial confession technique," this is regarded as rather unlikely, and it is felt that she is just a girl who likes to talk, and thus is unsuitable for our purposes.

b. Identity 3: Identity 3, according to traces, appears as a controversial character who may or may not be of some operational interest to MOB. Since all future action on this case will be exploited by MOB, we will make no comment at this point.

c. Identity 4: MOB traces indicate that Identity 4 is actually employed by the LfV in Bavaria, although it cannot be determined whether he is

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merely an informant or staff employee. As with Identity 3, any exploitation will be undertaken by MOB.

4. Recommendations:

Recommend all future action in this case be initiated by MOB. BOB and undersigned will be willing to cooperate in any way possible and request that they be advised as to future MOB activities concerning these operational leads. In view of the Identity 5 aspect of the case, it would appear possible to query the LfV on the case, perhaps thereby determining the actual role of Identity 4 in the exploitation of Identity 2, and securing a clearer picture of this case. BOB has no objections to releasing the entire story of this case to the LfV, if MOB so desires, attributing our knowledge of the case to direct conversation with Identity 2 and omitting any reference to Identity 1.

5. Trace Requests:

Action Request that addressees trace all persons not already traced who we mentioned in this dispatch with results being sent to MOB, BOB receiving an info copy.

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Separate Cover Attachment to EGDA-41618

Identity 1: Subject of BRLN 0736

Identity 2: Mary Lou LNU- DOB ca 1925-30. 170 cm tall, full-blown figure, attractive face, good but slightly protruding teeth, medium blond hair, large mole over left eyebrow. ~~Speaks with Russian~~ sian accent.

Identity 3: Fredrich Matthias BERGER alias SANTORIUS. DOB 20 March 1911 Schoenfeld Eupen Belgium. Wife Gretchen Didie ZINSER BERGER. Mentioned EGFA 9850.

Identity 4: *VON SCHOENEICH-CAROLATH*
Prinz Ferdinand zu SCHOENEICH-CAROLATH DOB 5 April 1913, Schloss Saarbr Schlasium. Lives Munich-Solln, Franz Hals Strasse 4. Founder of Deutsche-Russische Anti-Kommunistischen-Gesellschaft.

Identity 5: Radio Free Europe

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